Loan sanctioned by he SC/ST Finance Development Corporation

1215. SHRI RAJUBHAI A. PARMAR: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications received from SC/ST entrepreneurs for financial aid for self employment, from the SC/ST Finance Development Corporation, indicating the total amount of aid sought and granted so far;

(b) what is the highest and lowest among sanctioned on any one application and what are the norms and terms laid down for extending such aids; and

(c) whether any higher limit of loan per applicant has been fixed, if so, what is the number of applications pending with the corporation?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) The details are given in the Annexure. (See Appendix CLXIX, Annexure No. 32).

(b) The lowest amount sanctioned by the National SC/ST Finance & Development Corporation (NSFDC) for one project has been Rs. 8000 for a kirana shop and the highest amount has been Rs. 18.23 crores for a horticulture scheme in November 1990 for covering 32,000 beneficiaries. The norms and terms laid down by NSFDC for extending assistance are as under;

(i) Family income of SC & ST beneficiaries must be below double the poverty line income i.e. Rs. 22,000 per annum for rural beneficiaries and Rs. 23,700 for urban beneficiaries;

(ii) Project must be sponsored by State level SC/ST Corporations or other agencies nominated by the State Govt;

(iii) The project must be technically feasible and economically viable;

(iv) NSFDC loan, amount should be secured by State Govt./Bank guarantee; and

(v) Cost of the project should not exceed Rs. 10 lakhs in case enrepreneurial cases as per decision taken by NSFDC in June, 1993.

(c) Maximum loan provided by NSFDC for any project is now limited to 75 per cent of the project cost, not exceeding Rs. 10 lakhs as decided by NSFDC in June, 1993, 201 applications are pending with NSFDC.

Resolution by T. No Assembly for 69 per cent reservation

1216. SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

SHRI P. UPENDRA:

Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that he Tamil Nadu Assembly in special session held on 9th November, 1993 unanimously passed a resolution urging the Centre bring forward a Constitutional amendment to ensure continuation of the 69 per cent reservation for admission to educational institutions and for Government jobs in the State; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and the reaction of the Central Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly has passed a resolution on 9th November, 1993 calling upon the Central Government to take step immediately to bring suitable amendments to the Constitution of India, so as to enable the Tamil Nadu State to continue its policy of 69 per cent reservation in Government services and in admission in educational institutions as at present.

Tamil Nadu has had a long history of providing reservation to backward classes and promoting their social and economic development. Under these circumstances, the Government is examining as to how the legal hurdles in regard to the continuation of existing level of reservations in Tamil Nadu can be overcome.